— Holding of workshops/seminars/ meetings and study tours of the Voluntary Odganisations and those dealing with them in the country where voluntary sector is doing well;

— Introduction of new model schemes;

— Preparation of all-India Directory of voluntary Organisations;

— Approval of some organisations as mother units under Rolling Fund Scheme to assist smaller grass-root organisations;

— Proposal to set up an apex body called VAFAH (Voluntary Action for Family Welfare and Health) with necessary autonomy and flexibility for sanctioning grant-in-aid to NGOs/Voluntary Sector;

— Greater involvement of the NGOs i.e., Voluntary Agencies, Cooperatives, Managements and Trade Union Organisations in Industries in the Organised Sector, Zilla Parishads, Municipal Corporations, Panchayats, etc. in the implementation of Family Welfare Programme effectively.

(c) Rs. 683 lakhs.

Implementation of Village Health Guide Scheme

1308. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States and Union Territories which are implementing Village Health Guide Scheme;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revitalise the scheme;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Village Health Guide (VHG) Scheme is being implemented in all States and Union Territories except Delhi, Goa, Daman & Diu, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have their own alternative schemes.

(b) to (d) The Government had set up a Task Force in 1989 with a view to making suggestions for improving the scheme. The Task Force had, *inter-alia*, recommended enhancement of honorarium for VHGs from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 100/- per month, payment of Rs. 10/- p.m. for attending meeting at PHC, training of more VHGs during the 8th Plan and provision of medicine kits for the VHGs. Because of financial constraints, these recommendations have not been implemented.

Growth rate of population

1309. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States and Union Territories which have shown an increase in decaded growth rate of population during 1981-91 over 1971-1981; and

(b) what special measures have been taken with regard to these States and Union Territories in the field of Family Welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The following are the States and Union Territories which have shown an increase in decadal growth rate of population during 1981-91 over 1971-81: Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Tripura, West Bengal, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Pondicherry.

(d) To impart a new dynamism to the Family Welfare Programmes, an